

**SYSTEM-SCALE HYDROPOWER PLANNING**  
**FOR THE**  
**INDUS BASIN, PAKISTAN**

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## FLOODS

Flash and urban floods ravaged north-eastern Pakistan and western India when late and concentrated monsoon rains started on 4 September. As of 2 October, the floods caused 364 deaths and affected approximately 2.5 million people in Pakistan. In addition to the loss of life and injury, there has been a social and economic cost: the partial and total loss of homes, significant loss of livestock and livelihoods and massive crop damage. Authorities set up 527 relief camps in affected areas to provide immediate health care services, referrals, cooked food, water, and non-food items, such as tents, blankets, soap, and sleeping mats.

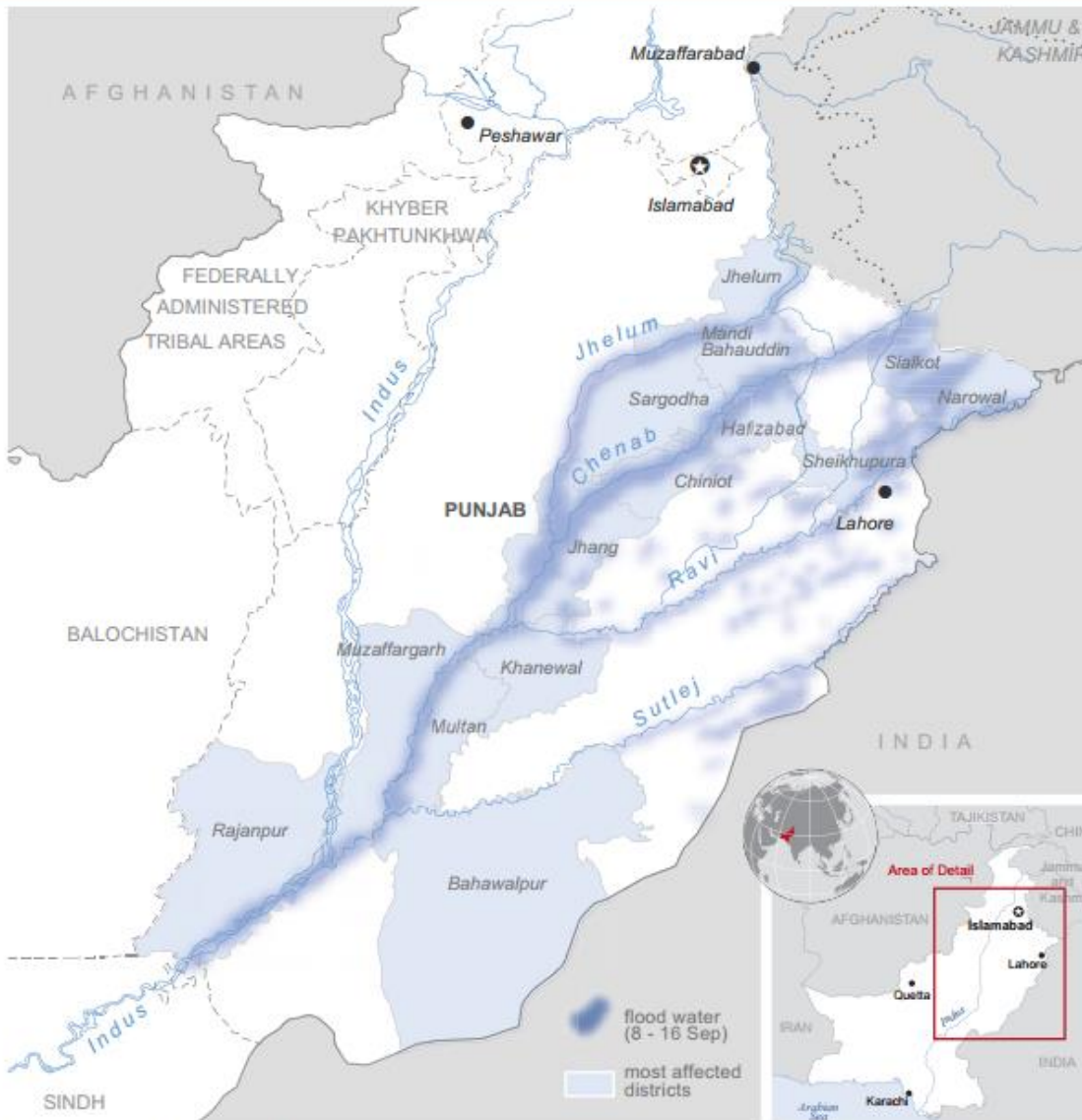
## KEY STATISTICS<sup>1</sup>

**2.53 million** people affected

**107,000** houses damaged

**2.4 million acres** crops affected

**527** Relief camps

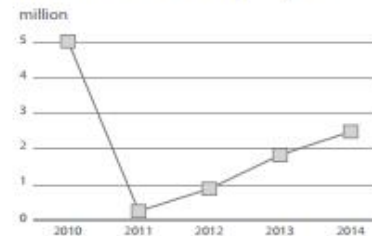


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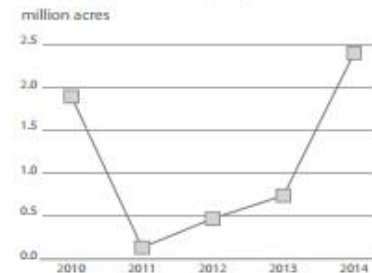
## FLOOD HISTORY IN PUNJAB<sup>2</sup>

Recurrent monsoon floods over the last four years have affected more than 8 million people, many of them multiple times, leaving them vulnerable and in need of early recovery assistance.

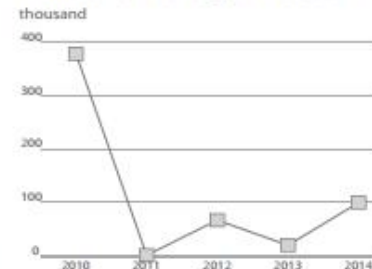
### Number of affected people



### Area of affected crop land



### Number of damaged houses









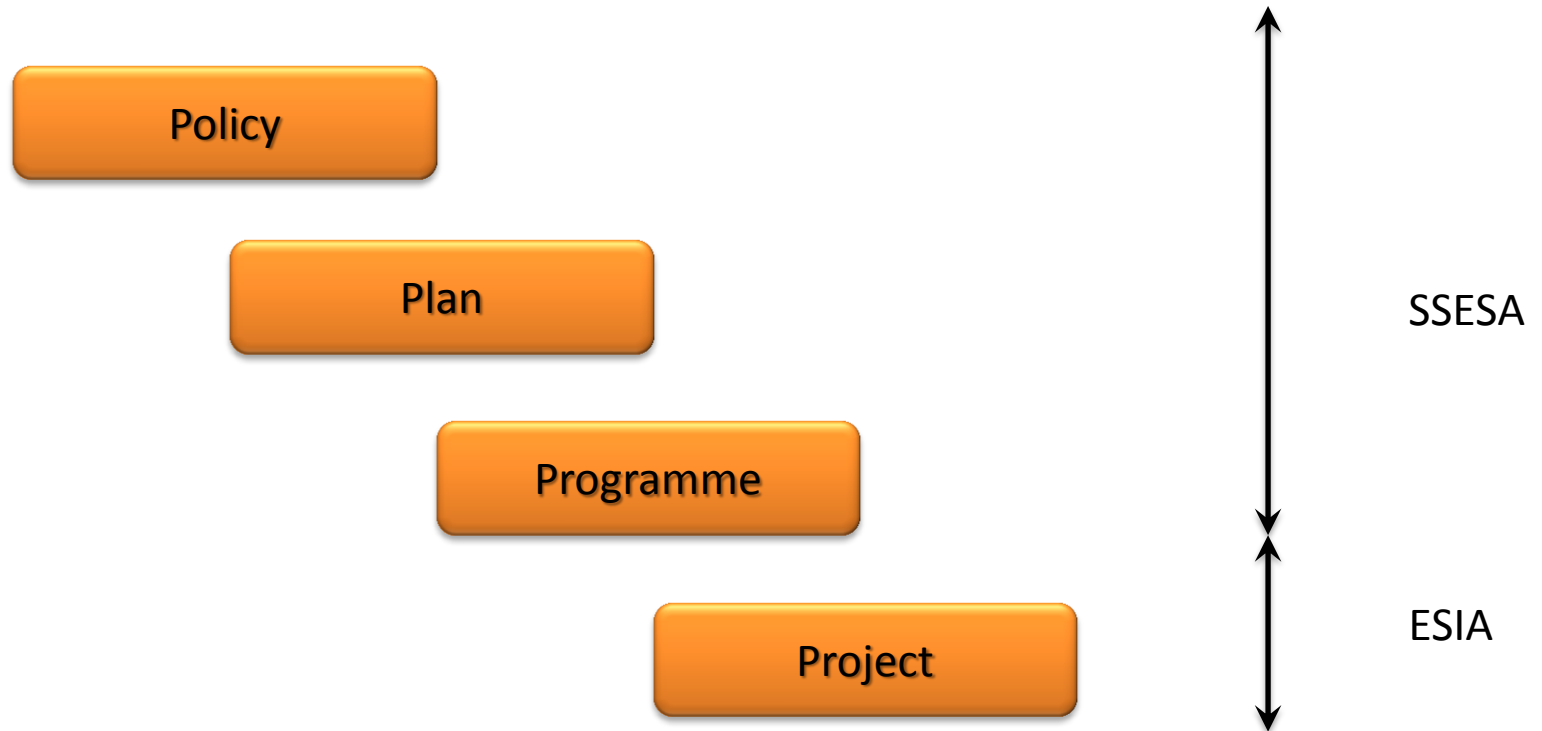
## STRATEGIC SECTORAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT (SSESA) OF THE HYDROPOWER SECTOR IN THE INDUS BASIN

- In 2008, the Water and Power Development Authority (WADPA) announces "Vision 2025"
- Develop 80 billion cubic metres of water storage and add 37,770 megawatts of hydropower generation capacity by 2025
- Cost of implementation US\$ 32.15 billion\*

Challenge: Develop the program while meeting expectations to incorporate sustainability and social equity in a highly degraded system.

*(\*up to \$90 billion including privately funded projects)*

# WHAT is SSES?



## METHODS

- A team of local and international technical specialists with expertise in the legal, planning, engineering, design, environmental and social disciplines
- Reviewed components of the existing HPP planning and development process, including:
  - institutional frameworks
  - policies
  - environmental and social resources of the Indus Basin
  - planning frameworks for hydropower development
  - cumulative impacts
- Extensive stakeholder consultation

## FINDINGS

### *Policy*

- Hydropower policy is in draft form
- Lack environmental/social provisions in laws/policies

### *Capacity Building*

- Required in the areas of:
  - strategic policy formulation
  - project assessment

### *Compensation and Resettlement*

- Not considered to be a high priority
- Past projects have stalled due to unresolved disputes

## FINDINGS

### *Baseline Data*

- Significant gaps exist in the existing dataset
- Lack of central database not conducive with informed decision making

### *Financial*

- Losses of ecosystem services, climate change impacts/adaptation not considered
- Tendencies for funding disputes to delay projects

## FINDINGS

### *Climate Change*

- Hydropower is vulnerable due to reliance on water availability and security
- North Pakistan very susceptible to climate change impacts as it is influenced by three major weather systems:
  - sub-Mediterranean regime of mainly winter, westerly storms;
  - the Indian summer monsoon; and
  - the Tibetan anticyclone (Huntington, 2006)

*Intensity of catastrophic events is predicted to increase*

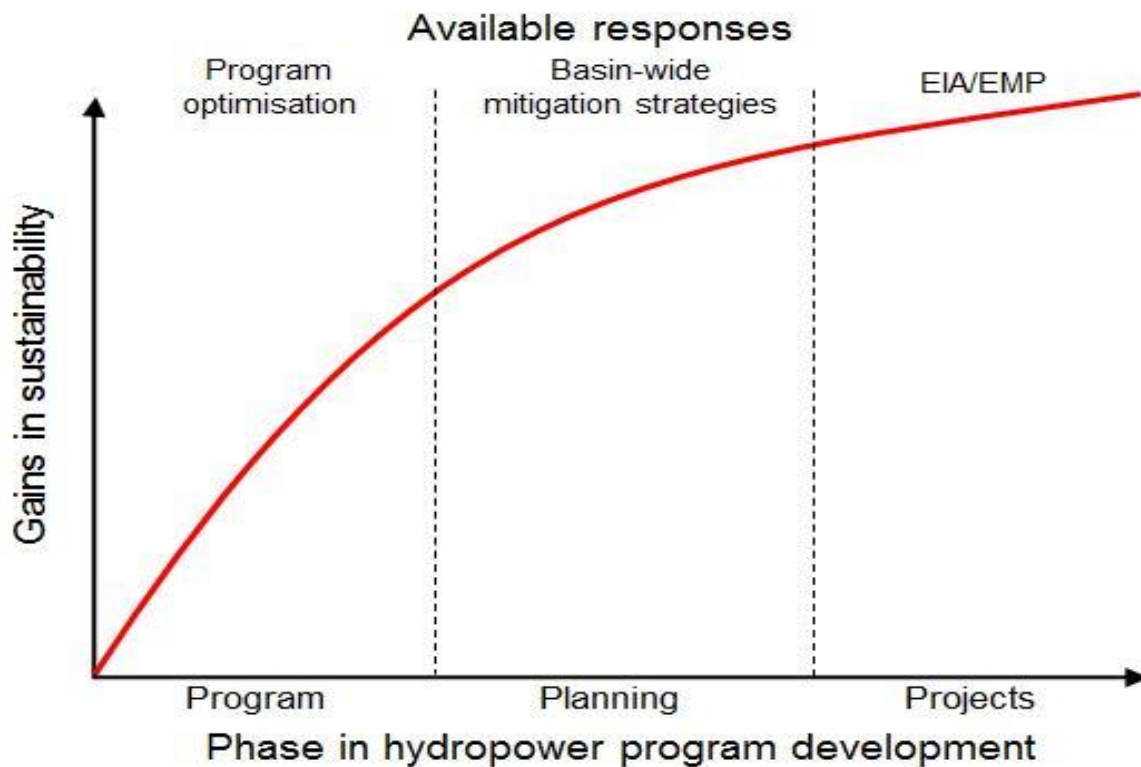




# CONCLUSIONS

## Environmental and Social Impacts

- Main cumulative impacts land loss and disruption of environmental flows
- Cumulative impacts best addressed a system-scale

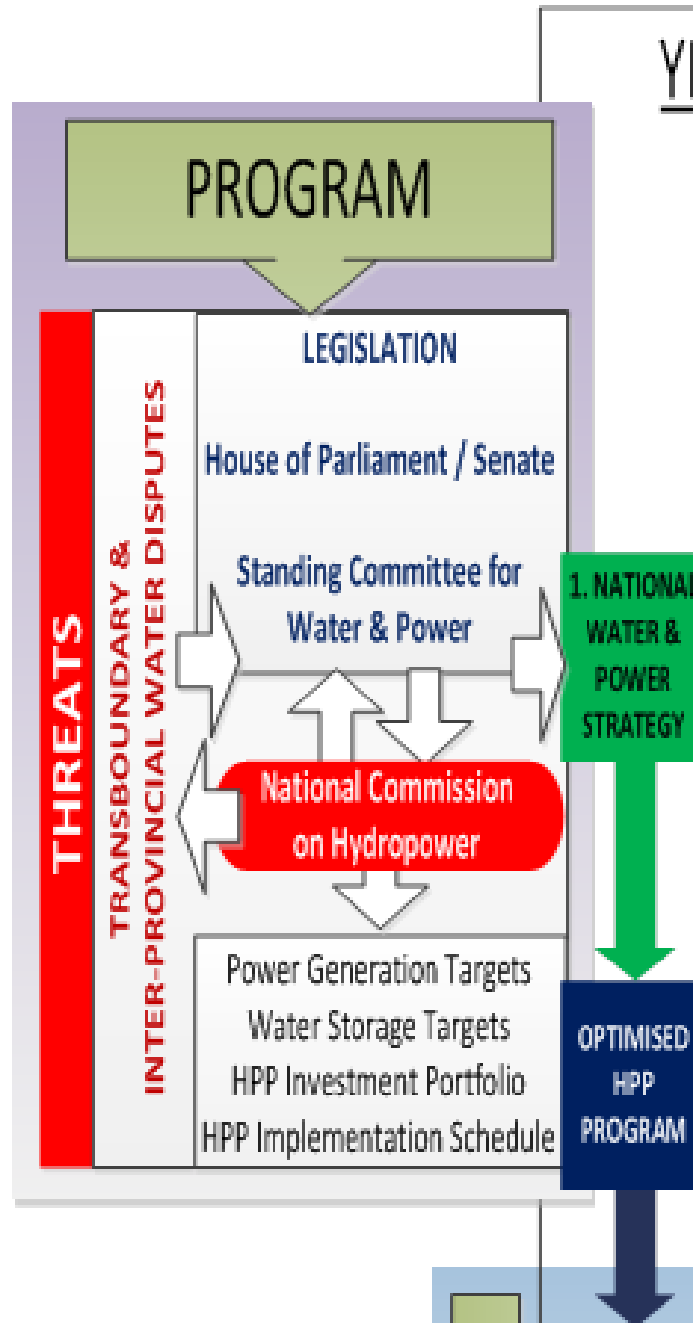


## RECOMMENDATIONS

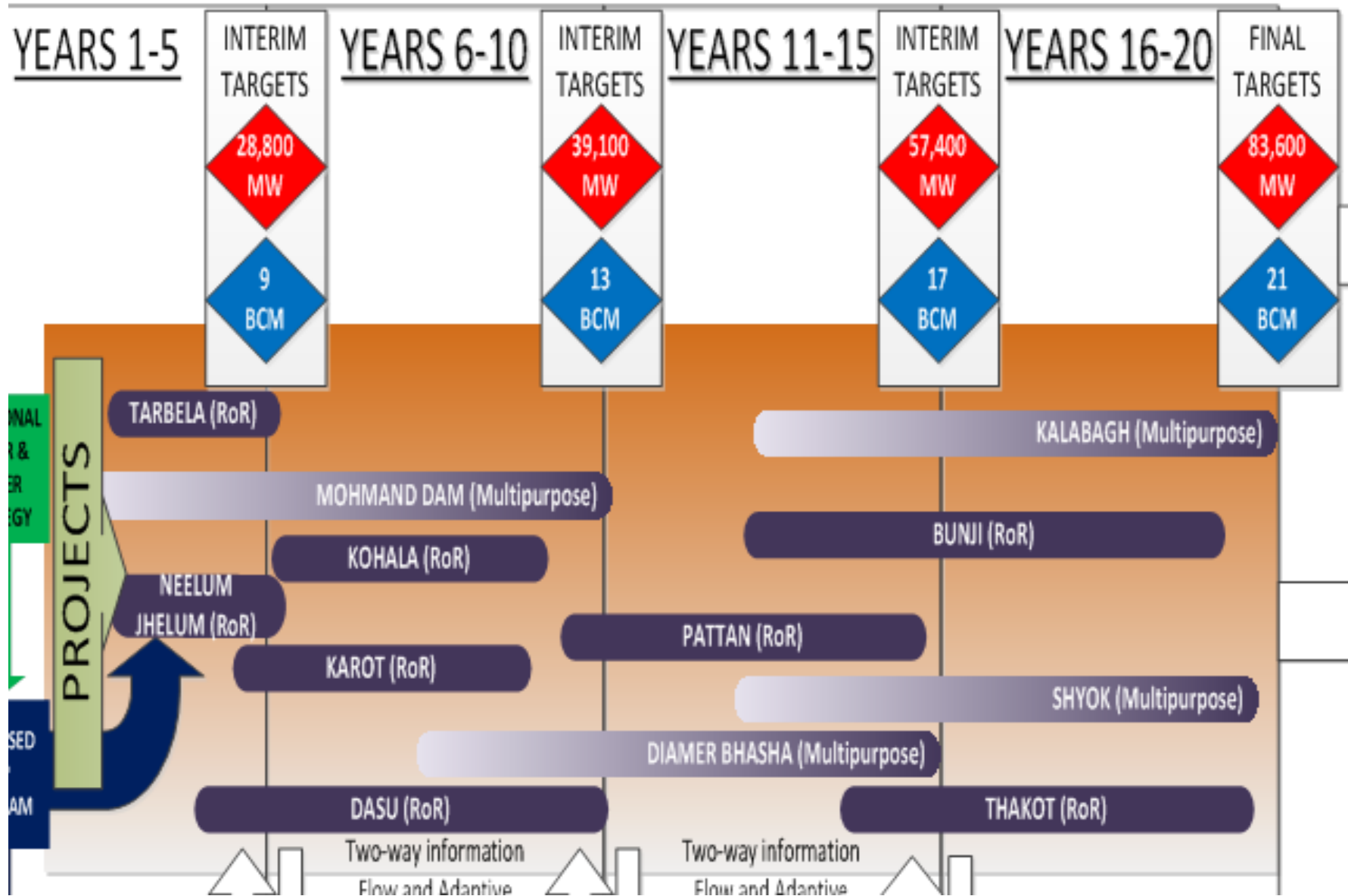
- Hydropower Program Optimisation (policy, targets, timeframes)
- Long Range Planning of Projects (interim water and power targets)
- System Level Strategies for Cumulative Impacts

PROGRAM OPTIMISATION

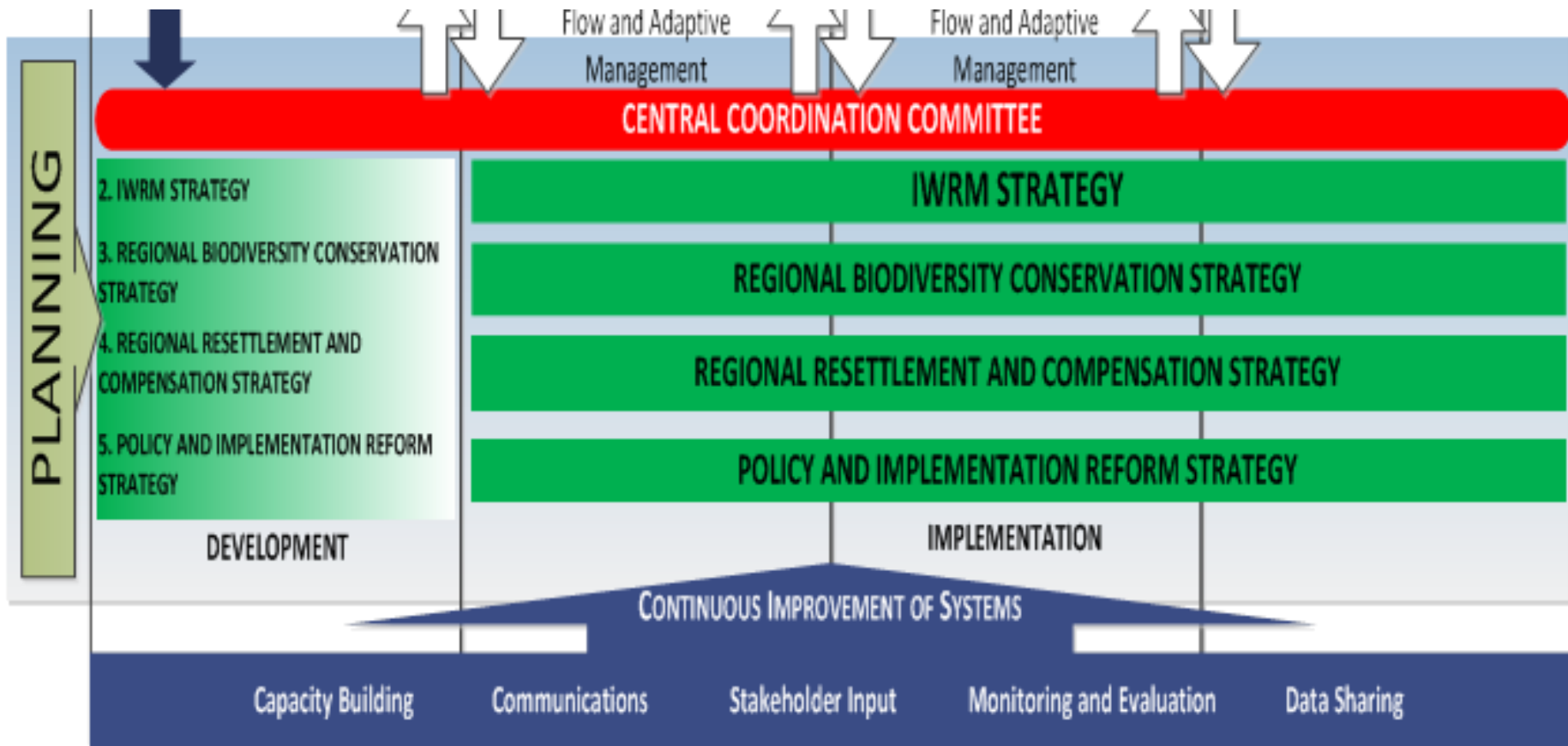
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# LONG RANGE HPP PLANNING



# SYSTEM LEVEL STRATEGIES FOR CUMULATIVE IMPACTS



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## Frameworks, Policies, Plans and Programs

